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20 June 1960MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Budget Division  
Office of the Comptroller

SUBJECT: Inquiry from Bureau of Budget Concerning Minicard Equipment

1. In response to the inquiry from [redacted] on 17 June 1960 concerning the effect on the PIC FY 61 budget requirements of the transfer of OCR minicard equipment to PIC, the following information is submitted for your use in replying to Mr. Ecker, of the Bureau of the Budget.

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In April 1960 PIC was notified by OCR that they were discontinuing minicard operations and offered their equipment for integration into the present PIC minicard installation.

The OCR installation parallels the PIC installation with the exception of two document cameras and a printer designed primarily for document storage and retrieval. The PIC installation has been designed and equipped for the primary purpose of the storage and retrieval of photography.

Although the addition of the OCR minicard equipment will enlarge the PIC capability, none of the items acquired were scheduled for procurement in the FY 61 PIC budget estimate. Three major items that will be required for our minicard installation in FY 61 are a new and more advanced photo camera, photo viewers, and a photo printer. None of these items are included in the equipment that will be received from OCR.

2. In summary, the acquisition of the OCR minicard equipment will have no effect on the PIC budget for FY 61. Availability of this equipment can only be regarded as a bonus in that it enlarges PIC's capabilities. Under present strict budget limitations programming for this additional equipment would not normally have been planned.

3. Should you have a need for more detailed information in regard to this matter it will be furnished promptly at your request.

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